GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for development of tourism related infrastructure during the last three years till date;

(b) the details of the total number and names of tourism circuits in Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government proposes to lift the Restricted Area Permit from the State of Arunachal Pradesh and the North Eastern region for foreign tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a))and (b): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism related projects for tourist destinations and circuits to all states including the North East Region under the schemes Product/Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits and Large Revenue Generating Projects.

The details of funds allocated to the State of Arunachal Pradesh for development of tourism related infrastructure during the last three years and till date is given below: -

Year	(Rs. in lakh) Amount Sanctioned
2004-05	1,041.69
2005-06	1,973.56
2006-07	1,827.80
2007-08 (till date)	2,978.61

The detail pertaining to the projects sanctioned for Destinations and Circuits in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years of the Tenth Plan and the current financial year is at Annexure.

(c) and (d): The review of restrictions pertaining to Restricted Area Permit for foreign tourists is a continuous process and is undertaken by the Ministry of Home Affairs on receipt of proposal from the concerned States and in consultation with security agencies .